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VEGETATION TREATMENT DRIVE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Research Institute has launched the unique Vegetation Treatment Drive' with a view to improving the health of the old trees of the national capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a provision of replacement of trees also besides treating them under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Forest Research Institute (FRI) Dehradun is working on a research project, sanctioned by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), main objectives of which include preparation of inventory of roadside plantations maintained by the NDMC, inventory of disased trees, identify causal organisms of disease, and suggest control measures, demonstrate disease control techniques to the NDMC officials prepare replacement plan for old and diseased trees and provide technical guidance for setting up of high tech nursery for raising of good quality planting stock.

(b) An inventory of the avenue trees, maintained by the NDMC, is being prepared. The survey work at Central Vista has been completed. All the existing trees were inspected and observations on the occurrence and intensity of disease have been taken. The causal organisms of the disease have been identified in most of the causes and control measures suggested to the NDMC to extend the life of the diseased trees. One demonstration for disease control has already been organized for the staff of NDMC.

(c) & (d) The survey work has already been completed at the Central Vista. Out of total 1864 trees, 107 trees which are completely dead or decaying and may pose danger to human life and property, have been recommended for replacement. A report on iventorization and replacement plan for trees of Central Vista has already been submitted to NDMC.